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# Crop Progress & Condition

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## Pennsylvania Weekly Crop Weather – September 18th, 2017:

Pennsylvania had an excellent week for field activities with an average of 6.5 days suitable for field work. Temperatures were reported with a high of 91° (F), a low of 46° (F) and a state average temperature of 61° (F). Weather was mostly clear with warm temperatures. Soybeans are nearly at full maturity and starting to be harvested in some areas. Apple, corn and soybean harvests continue to be on schedule. The Apple harvest continues with more varieties each week being picked. Pumpkins and vegetables are still being harvested and available throughout the fruit markets. Field activities involved the harvesting of apples, soybean, corn for silage and early grain, hay and alfalfa and some soil preparation.

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 24, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	3	28	69	0
SUBSOIL	2	18	80	0

### Crop Conditions as of September 24, 2017

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	10	52	38
CORN	0	1	6	41	52
HAY, ALFALFA	0	1	7	73	19
HAY, OTHER	0	1	19	70	10
OATS	0	4	16	77	3
PASTURE AND RANGE	0	8	34	52	6
SOYBEANS	0	1	6	47	46
WINTER WHEAT	0	0	25	75	0

## Crop Progress as of September 24, 2017

(in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
APPLES: HARVESTED	70	62	66	67
BARLEY: PLANTED	35	27	45	49
BARLEY: EMERGED	10	<5	N/A	N/A
CORN: DOUGH	92	91	96	94
CORN: DENTED	84	74	89	91
CORN: MATURE	51	34	51	58
CORN: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	8	<5	12	13
CORN AVERAGE HEIGHT: (IN.)	109	106	N/A	N/A
FALL TILLAGE: PERCENT COMPLETE	28	21	29	N/A
HAY, ALFALFA: THIRD CUTTING	93	89	95	96
HAY, ALFALFA: FOURTH CUTTING	60	45	66	72
HAY, OTHER: THIRD CUTTING	78	74	60	N/A
OATS: HARVESTED FOR GRAIN	91	90	95	98
PEACHES: HARVESTED	96	93	N/A	N/A
SOYBEANS: SETTING PODS	78	N/A	96	N/A
SOYBEANS: COLORING	48	19	66	N/A
TOBACCO: CUT	94	86	N/A	N/A

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## September 24, 2017 Pennsylvania Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2017					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northwest	Clarion	86	52	68	+9	0.00	0	26.91	+0.41	82	2360	+234	4027
	Erie	84	59	71	+9	0.00	0	23.64	+1.39	70	2588	+61	4251
	Franklin_AG	87	55	71	+11	0.00	0	29.84	+4.85	75	2528	+188	4202
	Meadville-Port	89	57	72	+13	0.00	0	20.38	-3.19	72	2462	+294	4118
	Springboro	86	52	69	+10	0.02	1	22.15	-0.01	86	2163	-41	3807
	Titusville	87	51	69	+12	0.00	0	27.43	+2.56	69	2273	+306	3937
	Warren	86	56	70	+10	0.00	0	28.96	+4.43	83	2335	+99	3995
North Central	Bradford_Region	84	48	66	+10	0.21	1	26.63	+2.20	86	1888	+192	3505
	Coudersport_1SW	85	47	67	+11	0.33	1	23.40	-0.39	92	1837	+55	3455
	Kane	84	46	64	+10	0.00	0	27.05	+2.09	76	1754	+282	3369
	Laporte	79	52	65	+8	0.00	0	30.89	+9.55	74	1897	-38	3526
	Lock_Haven	88	53	71	+10	0.00	0	27.81	+4.74	85	2732	+247	4441
	Oswayo	82	49	66	+10	0.00	0	20.37	-2.47	71	1719	-22	3326
	Renovo	85	54	70	+10	0.00	0	26.62	+5.12	88	2541	+82	4240
	Ridgway	88	49	68	+11	0.00	0	28.58	+4.16	76	2183	+363	3841
	Stevenson_Dam	88	51	69	+10	0.00	0	19.31	-4.02	59	2149	-106	3814
	Towanda	86	51	69	+10	0.00	0	21.28	+2.29	80	2517	+252	4201
	Wellsboro	84	51	66	+10	0.02	1	23.28	+4.00	84	1908	+158	3540
	Williamsport_AP	91	54	74	+13	0.00	0	28.02	+5.69	83	2970	+383	4693
	Northeast	Hawley	82	51	67	+10	0.00	0	23.06	+0.97	82	2125	+161
Milanville		89	58	74	+17	0.00	0	20.11	-1.98	75	2354	+390	4031
Pleasant_Mount		81	48	66	+13	0.00	0	30.08	+4.06	79	1896	+389	3507
Wilkes-Barre/Sc		87	52	71	+11	0.00	0	21.69	+0.86	73	2791	+269	4494
West Central	Butler	87	51	68	+9	0.00	0	25.05	+1.38	85	2363	+156	4047
	New_Castle_Ag	89	53	71	+10	0.00	0	23.12	+1.31	78	2784	+316	4493
	Slippery_Rock	87	51	68	+10	0.00	0	24.64	+1.07	71	2329	+314	3998
Central	Altoona_AP	87	51	68	+7	0.00	0	22.00	+2.13	78	2643	+126	4353
	Du_Bois	84	53	69	+11	0.00	0	22.07	-1.41	82	2237	+115	3902
	Elizabethville	83	49	68	+7	0.25	1	27.29	+4.58	73	2587	+24	4288
	Lewistown	89	53	71	+9	0.00	0	23.43	+1.32	84	2871	+228	4594
	Middletown	86	62	74	+10	0.00	0	25.46	+4.25	66	3324	+254	5065
	Prince_Gallitzi	85	48	67	+8	0.00	0	24.49	+3.24	95	2319	+113	3968
	Selinsgrove_2S	87	51	70	+9	0.00	0	25.14	+2.43	77	2721	+158	4427
	State_College_P	86	55	70	+10	0.00	0	22.86	+1.88	79	2632	+213	4340
	East Central	Allentown-Bethl	90	59	73	+12	0.02	1	32.64	+8.59	72	3055	+409
Lehighton		88	55	70	+11	0.07	2	28.91	+2.68	87	2514	+212	4221
Mt_Pocono		82	51	67	+12	0.00	0	24.44	-1.04	76	1902	+203	3535
Southwest	Pittsburgh_Alle	87	59	72	+11	0.00	0	33.88	+13.06	84	2911	+502	4625
	Connellsville_A	86	55	72	+10	0.00	0	31.88	+8.17	86	2908	+326	4615
	Grays_Landing	87	53	70	+6	0.00	0	31.15	+8.23	78	2747	-132	4455
	Indiana_3SE	84	53	69	+8	0.05	1	34.45	+8.86	86	2460	+43	4149
	Meyersdale	84	48	66	+8	0.00	0	27.52	+4.41	85	2078	+34	3731
	Pittsburgh_Intl	89	57	73	+11	0.00	0	21.96	+1.14	73	2920	+253	4630
	Waynesburg	85	54	70	+9	0.13	1	31.15	+9.60	82	2668	+207	4366
South Central	Biglerville	89	59	73	+12	0.00	0	21.59	-1.07	60	3114	+489	4835
	Everett	86	48	69	+9	0.00	0	25.58	+5.20	72	2474	+104	4165
	Hanover	84	53	69	+5	0.00	0	23.87	+4.43	79	2996	-24	4716
	Harrisburg_AP	87	57	73	+9	0.00	0	21.53	+0.32	69	3361	+291	5101
	South_Mountain	89	51	69	+6	0.00	0	27.33	+2.00	77	2529	-287	4215
	York_AP	86	52	69	+5	0.00	0	19.52	-2.87	68	3005	+38	4724
Southeast	Doylestown_AG	88	60	73	+8	0.00	0	23.49	-1.53	73	3443	+273	5193
	Hamburg	88	57	73	+11	0.00	0	36.52	+11.66	78	2912	+158	4634
	Lancaster_AP	88	57	73	+10	0.11	1	22.06	-0.74	65	3200	+317	4929
	Neshaminy_Falls	91	56	75	+11	0.03	1	26.41	-0.60	57	3100	+151	4834
	New_Holland	90	59	74	+12	0.00	0	25.98	+1.15	64	3225	+612	4963
	Philadelphia_AP	88	66	76	+9	0.07	1	27.10	+5.16	62	3642	+277	5392
	Philadelphia_NE	89	66	76	+12	0.03	1	22.99	-4.02	59	3563	+614	5310
	Pottstown	86	59	72	+10	0.09	1	25.57	+2.33	68	2867	+220	4589
	Reading_AP	88	57	73	+10	0.00	0	28.58	+4.89	78	3158	+243	4885
	Sellersville	87	57	72	+9	0.00	0	25.83	-0.19	70	2878	+135	4597
	West_Chester	88	66	76	+13	0.04	2	25.70	+1.08	77	3515	+601	5233

Summary based on NWS preliminary data. DFN = Departure From Normal.  
Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

## REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

*Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.*

### **ADAMS County, Judy A. Behney**

Adams County started the week off with morning temperatures around 68 degrees and cloudy then some sun afternoon and 80 degrees. Tuesday morning was 64 morning temperature and cloudy and some sun into the 80's. Wednesday was 66 morning and cloudy then sun in mid-80's. Thursday 60 morning some clouds then strong sun with higher humidity 86 degrees. Today started 60 degrees and cloudy but supposed to be mid 80's. Weekend forecasted for temperature higher 80's maybe 90 on Sunday. We are dry here in the county and could use a shower. Corn and soybeans continue to mature. Corn silage and some corn for grain being harvested. Corn is drying down as you drive around the county. Soybeans continue to color and now losing leaves and pods are seen now. Some varieties of soybeans are being harvested. Good yields are expected for both corn and soybeans around the county as all looking good. Hay continues to be made where growth makes it worthwhile to make. Small grains are being seeded and cover crops as crops harvested. Apple harvest continues with more varieties each week being picked. Good yields are expected but the quality is the issue for those that had misfortune of hail damage this growing season. Apples are nice and colorful with those cooler temperatures a few weeks ago and are very pretty driving through apple country. Vegetables are still being harvested and available at fruit markets throughout the county. Pumpkins are also being harvested for fall decorations and consumption. Overall the producers are busy with harvesting their crops when ready to get their next crops planted for fall. Upper Adams communities are readying for the National Apple Harvest Festival to be held at the South Mountain Fairgrounds the

first 2 full weekends of October 7-8, 14-15 to celebrate the apple harvest with arts and crafts and food and entertainment. You can get everything imaginable made out of apples to eat/drink. Please come hungry and enjoy.

### **ADAMS/FANLIN Counties, Thomas Kerr**

Dry week. Corn drying down with some being harvested for high moisture grain. Silage harvest is nearly complete leaving a large portion of the crop to be harvested for grain. Soybeans dropping leaves with harvest ready to begin soon.

### **JUNIATA/SNYDER Counties, William C. Sheaffer**

The heat and dry weather is causing the corn and soybeans to mature at a nice rate. Many farmers were able to make quality dry hay due to the weather. Corn and soybean harvest is beginning with yields being respectable. Activities for the week were haymaking, harvesting and planting.

### **LACKAWANNA County, Eric Johnson**

Farmers are working diligently to harvest the last of the 2017 hay and alfalfa crops before the weather turns and many farms will be gearing up to begin harvesting corn silage and early grain corn over the next several weeks.

### **YORK County, John Rowehl**

Early grain corn harvest reports indicate good but not great yields. Soybean harvest beginning

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